



WX5ARC

MONTAGUE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (MCARC)

JUNE 2022 BULLETIN [WX5ARC WEB PAGE](#)

**Club meetings are on every second Thursday of the month
7:00 PM at the Bible Baptist Church, 1400 Hwy 59N in Bowie Texas.
A SKYWARN practice net is held every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM on the
MCARC 147.320+ & 442.650+, both repeaters use a 192.8 tone.**

President's Prattle

As a reminder, starting with the July meeting, We will now meet at the Montague County Courthouse Annex on the 4th Thursday of each month instead of the 2nd Thursday of each month. The 2nd Thursday wasn't available at the Annex so we had to move to the 4th Thursday. The repeater continues work flawlessly. We plan on putting together a couple of workdays (most likely on Saturdays) to finish off some remedial work that is needed on the repeater shack. We need to plug some holes in the walls and fix some other various issues. Be sure and check out the pictures from Alan's drone on page 5.

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MCARC News and Events

2022 Officers

- Markus Thomerson, K5UFO, President
- Mike Sherwood, K5FT, Vice-President
- Bill Rupert, KI5JWV, Secretary
- Alan Walraven, N5MSE, Treasurer
- Gary Weseman, N5DGP, VEC Liaison

The MCARC dues are \$35 (cash or check) per calendar year. 2022 dues are payable now. The application for membership is on Pages 11 & 12 of this newsletter.

2022 MCARC Meeting Dates

6/9, 7/28, 8/25, 9/22, 10/27, 11/24, 12/22.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The June meeting will be last one at the Bible Baptist Church. The July meeting will be at the Montague County Annex on the 4th Thursday.

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MONTAGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (MCARC) INFORMATION

Our Mission and Values

MCARC is made up of Amateur Radio (Ham) operators who are connected by not only their radio equipment but their ability and willingness to assist the public during times of emergency.

We are trained weather and storm spotters and coordinate with the National Weather Service to report what we see that they can't see under the radar.

How We Can Help You

MCARC members are able to assist new Hams with their equipment and antennae needs. Hams helping Hams is one of our main goals.

With so much equipment available online, it is hard to know what to buy and how much to pay. We are here to guide you.

Bi-Monthly VE Testing

2022 VEC Testing Dates are 3/10, 5/12, 7/14, 9/8, 11/10. All tests start at 4PM and are given at the Bible Baptist Church, 1400 Hwy 59N in Bowie Texas. Please register on the Sunday prior to the Thursday test date. No walk-ins. Contact Gary Weseman. N5DGP, 940-366-3834, Garyweseman@icloud.com to register.

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Please read over the agenda for the 6/9 meeting as well as the May minutes and financials. Please let me know if you have any comments, complaints of other ideas regarding the changes that have been made to the Tuesday night net as well as the Saturday morning net. These are both works in progress

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Net control operators for June, July, and August:

6/7 – N5MSE, 6/14 – Olan, KI5DVX, 6/21 – K5EAG, 6/28 – KI5CHB

7/5 – N5MSE, 7/12 – K5YNC, 7/19 – K5EAG, 7/26 – KI5DVX

8/2 – KI5CHB, 8/9 – N5MSE, 8/16 – K5YNC, 8/23 – 8/23, KI5DVX, 8/30 – K5FT



JUNE 2022 AGENDA

June 2022 Agenda

Call to Order:

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business:

Approval of May meeting minutes and financial report.

Review plans for Field Day with Clay County ARC, 6/25 & 6/26

Update on the 501C status for the club

New Business:

Reminder of new meeting for the July meeting

Discussion on the new SKYWARN Net operations

Discussion around the new Saturday simplex/informal net

Workdays of the 147.320 repeater shack

Discussion on any ideas from the floor

Wrap-Up and Adjournment



KEYS, KEYS, AND MORE KEYS



Needed something to take up space in this issue, so I thought I would include a picture of some of my paddle and bug collection.

Any member with an interesting picture(s) is invited to send them to me for publication in the newsletter



MCARC 147.320 REPEATER TOWER PICTURES



Tower is 180 feet AGL. The top antenna is 199 feet AGL and is the one being currently being used. The other two antennas are usable and available as backups in case the primary antenna fails. Ground elevation is 1140 feet AMSL.



SKYWARN



What to report during an active SKYWARN Net

What the NCS Needs to Know

<i>Type of report:</i>	What are you reporting
<i>Time of event:</i>	When did it occur? Now, or earlier?
<i>Location of event:</i>	Where did it occur?
<i>How?</i>	Measured vs. estimated?
<i>Magnitude?</i>	Damage, injuries, etc.

What to Report

Tornadoes, or signs one may be developing (funnel clouds, strongly rotating wall clouds, etc.)

Flash Flooding: rapidly rising water into areas that do not typically flood

Hail: larger than 3/4 inch in diameter (penny-sized or larger)

Damaging Winds: damage caused by thunderstorm winds or measured winds of 50 mph or greater

Remember

Only report what you see, do not embellish the report or assume what you cannot directly observe.



**SKYWARN
2022 TRAINING**



**All SKYWARN weather
spotter training from the
Fort Worth NWS and
Norman NWS has concluded
for 2022**



AREA RADIO CLUB MEETINGS AND REPEATERS

Area Repeaters

Bowie, TX

147.320+, 192.8

442.650+, 192.8

Decatur, TX

146.780-, 131.8

442.600+, 131.8

443.250+, 110.9

444.400+, 156.7

Henrietta, TX

146.680-, 192.8

146.800-, 192.8

146.860-, 192.8

444.750+, 192.8

Nocona, TX

147.360+, 123.0

Rosston, TX

53.100-, 103.5

145.490-, 85.4

224.200-, 110.9

443.7375+, 141.3

927.050-, 110.9

1293.200-, no tone

Wichita Falls, TX

146.940-, 192.8

147.140+, 192.8

444.000+, 192.8

Waurika, OK

146.745+, 123.0

(SWIRA LINK)

Area Radio Clubs

Clay County Amateur Radio Club

1st Thursday of every month @ 7:00 PM

Clay County Farm Bureau

1110 N. Bridge St., Henrietta, TX, 76365

Montague County Amateur Radio Club

2nd Thursday of every month @ 7:00 PM

Bible Baptist Church

1400 TX-59, Bowie, TX 76230

www.wx5arc.org

Wichita Amateur Radio Society

3rd Thursday of every month @ 7:00 PM

American Red Cross of North Central Texas

1809 5th St., Wichita Falls, TX

West Fork Amateur Radio Club

4th Thursday of every month @ 7:00 PM

Paradise Fire Department

www.WFARC.org

Denton County Amateur Radio Association

4th Monday of every Month @ 7:00 PM

Denton County EOC

9060 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76210

www.dcara.net



LOCAL VHF NETS, STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL HF NETS

Local 2 Meter Nets

NAME	DAY	TIME (Local)	FREQUENCY (MHz)
Montague County Amateur Radio Club Weekly SKYWARN Practice Net	Tuesday	19:00	147.320+, tone 192.8
Montague County Amateur Radio Club Weekly Simplex Net	Saturday	9:00	147.500 Simplex
Montague County Amateur Radio Club Weekly Ragchew Net	Saturday	9:30	147.320+, 192.8
Clay County Amateur Radio Club Weekly Practice Net	Tuesday	20:00	146.680-, 146.800- tone 192.8
Wichita Amateur Radio Society Weekly Net	Sunday	20:00	147.140+, tone 192.8
Denton County Amateur Radio Association Weekly Net	Monday	20:00	146.920-, tone 110.9

HF Traffic & Emergency Nets

NAME	DAY	TIME (Local)	FREQUENCY (MHz)
Texas Traffic Net	Monday - Saturday	8:30	7.285
Region 5 Traffic Net	Monday - Saturday	9:30	7.280
7290 Traffic Net	Monday - Saturday	10:00	7.290
7290 Traffic Net	Monday - Saturday	13:00	7.290
Texas Traffic Net	Monday- Saturday	18:30	3.873
Texas ARES Net	Monday	19:30	3.873
Panhandle Traffic and Emergency Net	Monday - Sunday	19:00	3.933
Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net	Monday - Saturday	19:00	3.935



DFW METROPLEX VHF/UHF NETS

Day	Call Sign	Frequency	Tone	Time	Notes
Sunday	KB5YBI	145.490	88.5	18:30	North TX Youth Net
Sunday	W5NGU	146.920	110.9	14:00	Denton BBHN
Sunday	W5HRC	147.100	110.9	19:30	Hurst ARC
Sunday	K5FTW	145.110	110.9	20:00	Saginaw ARC
Sunday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	1st & 3rd Sunday – DARC Monthly Meeting
Sunday	KB5YBI	145.490	88.5	19:30	Johnson County News & Info Net
Sunday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	20:00	1st & 3rd Sunday – Dallas RACES
Monday	K5FTW	146.940	110.9	19:30	1st Monday RACES Net
Monday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	1st & 3rd Monday DARC Hamfixin's Net
Monday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	2nd Monday ECOMM Net
Monday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	4th Monday Geek Net
Monday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	5th Monday Surprise Net
Monday	W5PC	147.040	110.9	20:00	ARCPC Weekly Net
Monday	WA5FWC	145.390	167.9	20:00	YL Net
Tuesday	W5SH	146.840	110.9	20:30	Fort Worth Kilocycle Club Net
Tuesday	W5SH	146.840	110.9	19:30	Quarter Century Wireless
Wednesday	N4MSE	443.450	127.3	19:00	Handy Ham Net
Wednesday	K5FTW	146.940	110.9	20:00	34/94 Swap Net
Wednesday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	Vet Net
Wednesday	NONE	144.250	NONE	20:00	2M SSB Net (USB)
Wednesday	N6LXX	443.738	141.3	21:00	San Diego Six Shooter Net
Wednesday	K5SLD	147.140	110.9	21:00	AMSAT Net
Thursday	WC5C	147.160	110.9	20:00	Tri-County ARC Net
Thursday	W5FA	145.330	110.9	19:30	"Six Shooter"
Thursday	N5UN	224.460	110.9	20:00	220 Weekly Net
Thursday	KA5HND	443.200	110.9	20:30	NCTC Net
Friday	N6LXX	443.738	141.3	22:00	San Diego Six Shooter Net
Friday	WA5JRS	448.775	167.9	19:00	MJARS Info Net
Saturday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	19:00	DARC Tech Net
Saturday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	21:00	DARC Skynet
Saturday	W5FC	146.880	110.9	22:30	Afterglow Net
Daily	W5FC	146.880	110.9	18:30	DFW Early Traffic Net



2022 HAMFESTS

DFW Ham Expo, Music City Mall, 2401 S Stemmons Frwy, Lewisville, TX

Friday 6/10, Setup 5-9 PM

Saturday 6/11, Time 9 AM – 6 PM

<http://dfwham.com/>

Radio Fiesta, Schertz Civic Center, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, TX 78154

Friday 6/17, Time 1 PM – 5 PM

Saturday 6/18, Time 8 AM - 2 PM

www.w5sc.org/radio-fiesta/

Ham Holiday 2022, Venue TBA, Oklahoma City, OK

Friday 7/22 & Saturday 7/23, Time TBA

www.hamholiday.com

All dates and times subject to change or cancellation



AMATEUR RADIO LINKS

Miscellaneous

[ARRL Home Page](#)
[ARRL North Texas Section](#)
[ARRL North Texas Section Officers](#)
[FCC License Search](#)
[QRZ Home Page](#)
[eHam Home Page](#)
[APRS Map Centered on Bowie, TX](#)

Equipment For Sale

[QRZ Classified](#)
[QTH Classified](#)
[eHam Classified](#)

Weather

[Texas SKYWARN](#)
[NWS Storm Prediction Center](#)
[NWS Weather Prediction Center](#)
[NWS Texas Rivers](#)

Space Weather

[NOAA/NWS Space Weather Center](#)
[Solar Weather Ionosode MUF Graphs](#)
[Space Weather](#)
[VHF Propagation](#)

MONTAGUE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Application

1. Last Name _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

D.O.B. _____

2. Address _____

3. City _____

4. State and Zip Code _____

5. Home Phone (_____) _____

6. Fax # (_____) _____

7. CELL PHONE (_____) _____

8. Workplace _____

9. Work Phone (_____) _____

10. E-Mail Address _____

11. Years with any Club or Amateur organization _____

Name of Organization _____

12. Call Sign _____ Years as an Amateur Operator _____

13. Briefly describe you Skywarn training experience, if any:

MCARC Application continued

14. Why do you think you would be an asset to our club.

15. Have you ever been expelled from any Club or Amateur organization? If yes, explain.

16. Have you ever been put on probation from any Club or Amateur organization? If yes, explain.

17. Have you ever been turned down for membership for a Club or Amateur organization? If yes, explain.

I would like to make application to the Montague County Amateur Radio Club. I submit the above application as true and correct. Any false information will disqualify my application. There is no appeal to this application.



MCARC MAY 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Montague County Amateur Radio Club – WX5ARC

5-12-2022

Officers:

Markus Thomerson, K5UFO (P)

Mike Sherwood K5FT {VP}

Bill Rupert, KI5JWV (S)

Alan Walraven, N5MSE (T)

Members Present:

Bill Rupert, KI5JWV

Bill Miller, K5EAG

Jerry Cody, AC5GO

Timothy Jurek, KI5UJS

Robert Henley, K5DKH

Gary Cox, KI5UXF

Mike Davis, KI5CHB

Dan Hull, W2DRH

Alan Walraven, N5MSE

Olan Rich, KI5DVX

Johnny Arn, AA5JA

Michael Sherwood, K5FT

David McCoy, KI5URF

Gary Weseman, N5DGP

Sheryl Walraven, K5TTP

Topp & Shannon Robertson KI5LET

Markus Thomerson, K5UFO

Joe Ehlen, KI5JUO

Ray Ketcham

Call to Order-Welcome and briefing:

President Markus Thomerson presiding. The May 12 2022 meeting was held at the Bible Baptist Church in Bowie, Tx, and was hosted by the MCARC officers. Call to order was at 7 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Club Officers.

Opening Remarks:

Introduction of new members and guests.

Markus Thomerson made a motion to accept the May meeting minutes and the treasurers report as published in the club newsletter. The motion was seconded by Jerry Jerry Cody. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Markus gave an update on the FM 455 Tower near Montague and thanked everyone that helped with that project.

New Business:

No club meeting at the Courthouse annex on October 21st. We are looking for ideas for a social event that would take the place of that meeting.

Alan Walraven spoke about the national Field Day at Hapgood Park in Henrietta, Tx. On the last weekend in June, Saturday and Sunday the 25th and 26th. He asked that anyone planning to attend, please let him know for our planning purposes.



MCARC MAY 2022 MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Markus talked about the ARRL Grant to the clubs. We are looking for project ideas for the grant. Contact Markus with your ideas.

Markus talked about 501C non profit status for our club. That would call for a change in the club Bylaws including the addition of trustees.

Bill Miller talked about CW on air training. He is looking for hams that want to increase their speed and efficiency. He is going to conduct this a couple times a week on the HF frequencies. If you would like to participate, Contact Bill for more details.

Wrap-up announcements:

Johnny Arn has been texting and emailing notifications to club members. If anyone is not getting the notifications or if you no longer want to receive notifications, contact Johnny.

Alan Walraven reminded us about the equipment donation to the club that will be sold to raise funds for the club. This includes an Icom 9100 tranceiver, a Hiel PR781 microphone, and microphone foot pedal. This equipment is valued at \$4300. The money raised by the sale of this equipment will go to our club. Contact Alan if you are interested.

Robert Henley K5DKH from the Denton County Amateur Radio Club talked about the Hamfest at the Music City mall in Lewisville Texas on Saturday June 11th.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 07:55pm.

Post meeting Tech or Special interest Session:

SkyWarn discussion.



MCARC MAY 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May Financial Statement, 5/1/2022 through 5/31/2022

Beginning Balance	\$3084.00
Income:	
Dues	\$35.00
Donations	\$1600.00
Circle Stickers	\$0
VEC Testing Fees	\$0
Total Income	\$1635.00
Expense:	
Total Expense	\$0
Ending Balance	\$4719.00

Submitted by Alan Walraven, MCARC Treasurer